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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 9, 2003, kindly amend the application as follows:

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**IN THE DESCRIPTION**

Kindly amend the following paragraph, at page 47, lines 25-29, as follows:

Once the Suture split-nut SSN is in place, the band is moved from the surface R1-R2 |  
to the surface R1 to cause the sections C1, C2, to clamp the suture S. In figure 123, the band  
B is shown approaching the ramped surface R1. This brings the sections C1 and C2 toward  
each other so that the hole H is narrower and almost clamping the suture S. This same  
position of the band is depicted in figure 124.